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ORDINANCE

OF THE

Lords and Commons

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT,

For bringing in the Arrears of the
Monethly Assessment formerly charged
upon the Cities

London and Westminster,

And all other Parishes and places within the
Line of Communication, and county

OF

MIDDLESEX.

26. Decem. 1644.

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For bringing in the Articles of the

Monthly Assessment formerly charged

upon the City

London and Westminster

And all other matters and points within the

Line of County of Middlesex and county

MIDDLESEX

16. Decem. 1544

Wm. Roper

London

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26. Decemb. 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for bringing in the Arrears of the Monthly Assessment, formerly charged upon the cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and all other Parishes and places within the Lines of Communication, and county of *Middlesex*.

Whereas by an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, did Ordain, That there should be monthly charged and levied upon the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Hamlets of the Tower, the Borough

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Borough of Southwark, and all other
Parishes and places within the Line of
Communication, and within Bills of
Mortality, the sum of six thousand nine
hundred sixty two pounds four shillings,
and upō the county of Middlesex without
the said limits, the sum of one thousand
four score and seventey pounds eleven
shillings, for the maintenance and pay-
ment of the Army under the immediate
command of the Earl of Essex, Lord Ge-
nerall of the Forces raised by the par-
liament, and other things in the said
Ordinance mentioned for the space of
four moneths, to commence from the
twentieth day of March 1643, accounting
twenty eight dayes to the moneth, to be
assessed, levied, and collected, and paid
into Sir G. Brouncker's Treasurie, in such
manner, and by such wayes and means
as in and by the said Ordinance is men-
tioned and expressed. And whereas
by another Ordinance of the fourth of
October last, The said Lords and Com-
mons

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mons. did Ordain, That the greatest
part of the sums due and payable by ver-
tue of the said former Ordinance, which
were then in Arrear, should by the said
Sir Gilbert Gerard be paid over to Sir
Walter Earl Langtho, Lieutenant of the
Ordinance, for the uses therein limited
and expressed, enioyning all and every
such persons, as by the said first recited
Ordinance were appointed to collect and
levy the said Arrears, forthwith to pro-
ceed effectually therein, and to make
pymment of the same in such manner as
in and by the said first recited Ordinance
was formerly appointed. Notwith-
standing which, through the carelesse-
ness and negligence of many of those
persons, who by the said first recited Or-
dinance were nominated and appointed
to collect and levy the said sums, very
little of the said Arrears hath since that
time been brought in and paid into the
said Sir Gilbert Gerard or his Assignes.
The Lords and Commons assembled in
Parliament

Parliament, do therefore now Ordain,
That if any person or persons by vertue
of the said first recited Ordinance, be nomi-
nated and appointed to collect, levy, or
pay any of the sums before mentioned,
shall wilfully neglect or refuse to per-
form the same: The Lord Mayor of the
City of London for the time being, or any
two Aldermen of the said City, within
the same and Liberties thereof, and the
respective Committees without the said
City and the Liberties thereof, for the
City of Westminster, the Borough of South-
wark, and County of Middlesex, by ver-
tue of the said first recited Ordinance
respectively nominated and appointed
as aforesaid, or any five of them have
hereby power to commit such person or
persons so refusing or neglecting to pris-
on: there to remain without Bail or
mainprize, until he shall conform him-
self as aforesaid to impose upon such
person or persons for every time so refus-
ing or neglecting, to perform the said
service

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service or their duties therein, such fine or fines as to them shall be thought fit, and cause the same to be leyed by distress and sale of Goods, in such manner and form as in and by the said first recited Ordinance, for and concerning such persons as should refuse or neglect to pay the sums of money, whereat they should be rated or assessed by virtue of that Ordinance is limited and appointed: Provided that no fine so imposed, shall for any one offence exceed the sum of five pounds.

Provided that this Ordinance shall not any wayes extend to the Members of either of the Houses of Parliament, or to the Assistants or Attendants to the House of Peers.

FINIS.

